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1. Reports from various quarters allege that food stocks, intended for distribution among the population of the Russian Zone, have been diverted to Berlin ever since the Russian offer to feed the population of the western sectors of Berlin. Orders for the shipment of food are given, as a rule, by German government agencies on instructions of the SMA.
2. A large part of the flour shipped to Berlin came from Saxony-Anhalt. It is alleged that numerous granaries and bakeries have been cleaned out almost entirely and that many villages in the western part of the Russian Zone, particularly around Magdeburg, have virtually run out of bread on account of this measure. The firm Brot-Schubert, Halle, had to deliver to Berlin two truckloads of flour from its own stocks, and bread grains were requisitioned from the Mode firm in Halle. Instances are also reported in which food-processing factories in Saxony-Anhalt had to ship their entire stocks of flour to Berlin even though their product was destined for the Consumers' Cooperatives.
3. According to a report from Stralsund, almost the entire spring harvest of grain of that area was requisitioned for delivery to Berlin, as well as meat stocks. It has also been claimed that during the last week of July, large quantities of grain were loaded on Russian barges in Stralsund harbor and that they proceeded to Wismar, to be shipped from there to Berlin as "Russian wheat".

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